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SUBSIDY TO BOOST CRUISE SHIPPING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the initial voyages of the luxury cruise by private players have received encouraging response from the public;

(b) if so, whether the private companies have shown interest to launch cruise routes between Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the other ports of the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of private players are presently operating their cruise on said routes;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy to private companies to boost cruise shipping in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.Louis Cruises India operated cruises to Maldives/Colombo from the port of Kochi from December 2009 to January 2010.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Under the Ministry of Tourism, there is a scheme for Large Revenue Generating Projects to remove shortcomings of budgetary resources with regard to large investments for tourism infrastructure. This scheme envisages to assist private sector, corporate and institutional resources as well as techno-managerial efficiencies for development of tourism infrastructure. The subsidy under the scheme will have a cap of Rs. 50.00 crores subject to maximum of 25% of total project cost or 50% of equity contribution of the promoter, whichever is lower.